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UM GEARS UP FOR ABER DAY DEBATE TOURNAMENT

MISSOULA –

University of Montana students looking to test their debating skills are invited to enter the Aber Day Debate Tournament.

The tournament, open to all UM students, will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, in the Liberal Arts Building.

The Aber Day Debate is a long-time campus tradition dating back to the founding of UM more than 100 years ago. It was revived in recent years by the UM Forensics Team, which is sponsoring this year's tournament.

The tournament will feature a presentational debate followed by three preliminary debate rounds. The top two teams will advance to a final debate round. Participants will debate about on-campus issues. Awards will be presented to the best speakers.

Students interested in participating can sign up by e-mailing aberdayer2004@hotmail.com.

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